

Indiana Healthcare Associated Infection Initiative

FACTS about *Clostridium difficile* and Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections

- As of October 2009, only 28 states had mandatory reporting of healthcare associated infections.
- In 2006 186 Hoosier deaths were associated with *Clostridium difficile*.
- In 2007, the US hospital costs associated with hospital acquired *Clostridium difficile* exceeded \$3.2 billion.
- In a 2008 study by APIC, 69.2% of individuals diagnosed with *Clostridium difficile* were over the age of 60 years.
- *Clostridium difficile* spores can live on a hard surface for 5 months.
- Diarrhea is a key symptom for possible *Clostridium difficile* infection.
- The most common healthcare associated infection is Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection.
- The organizational cost per catheter associated urinary tract infection is \$1,006.00.
- Avoiding catheterization when possible, assessing or reviewing need for a catheter daily, and removing catheters as soon as possible are key elements in preventing Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections.